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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING and
HAND DELIVERY OF CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBITS**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding to Establish Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes Small Power Producers as Defined in 16 United States Code 796, as Amended) – S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A)

**Docket No. 2019-185-E (Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)
Docket No. 2019-186-E (Duke Energy Progress, LLC)**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina please find the Joint Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP,” and together with DEC, the “Companies”) for Approval of Standard Offer Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and other related Terms and Conditions.

Enclosed for filing along with the verified Application is the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of the following witnesses on behalf of the Companies:

1. George Brown
2. Glen Snider
3. Steve Wheeler
4. David Johnson
5. Nick Wintermantel

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Due to the commercial sensitivity and proprietary nature of certain information being filed in support of this Application, the Companies respectfully request that the Commission find that pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a), Snider DEC Exhibit 1 and Snider DEP Exhibit 1 sponsored by Duke Witness Glen A. Snider is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. § 103-804(S)(1). The information contained in these Exhibits reflects the Companies' future costs to procure additional energy and/or capacity. The wholesale electricity market is extremely competitive, and in order for the Companies to obtain the most cost-effective energy and capacity to meet the needs of their customers, they must protect from public disclosure their projected and actual cost to procure such energy, capacity, or both. In addition, if this information was publicly available, potential suppliers would know the price against which they must bid, and rather than bidding the lowest price possible, they would simply bid a price low enough to beat the Companies' projections.

Accordingly, the Companies are filing the confidential version of Snider DEC Exhibit 1 and Snider DEP Exhibit 1 under seal and respectfully request that the Commission maintain this information as confidential pursuant to Commission Order No. 2005-226. Additionally, the Companies are hand delivering to the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") copies of the confidential version of these exhibits.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Rebecca J. Dulin

Enclosures

C: Parties of Record (via email)